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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 18, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR 1.111 (12 pages).
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.56 (3 pages).
- [X] Form PTO/SB/08 (4 pages) with 105 References.
- [X] Check number 14041 in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of Information Disclosure Statement Fee.

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[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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Total Claims:	14	-	20	=	0	х	\$18.00	=	\$0.0
Independent Claims:	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.0
First p	resentation	of ar	ny Multiple I	Depen	dent Claims:	+	\$290.00	=	\$0.0
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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Respectfully submitted,

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